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Expressing sympathy to the victims, families, and friends of the tragic act of violence at the combat stress clinic at Camp Liberty, Iraq, on May 11, 2009.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KRATOVIL (for himself, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HALL of New York, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. MCMAHON, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. PIERLUISI, Mr. ROONEY, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. JONES, Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana, Mr. HILL, Mr. CHILDERS, Mr. BOREN, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. MASSA, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. ELLSWORTH, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. MINNICK, Ms. GIFFORDS, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. MCHUGH, Ms. FALLIN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado, Mr. LANCE, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. POSEY, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. ADLER of New Jersey, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. SHULER, Mr. WALZ, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. LEE of New York, and Mr. SARBANES) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Expressing sympathy to the victims, families, and friends of the tragic act of violence at the combat stress clinic at Camp Liberty, Iraq, on May 11, 2009.

Whereas on Monday, May 11, 2009, the Nation experienced a tragedy when a soldier at the combat stress clinic at Camp Liberty, Iraq, reportedly killed five innocent American servicemen, and wounded three others;

Whereas the shooting resulted in the tragic loss of Navy Commander Charles K. Springle, Army Major Matthew P. Houseal, Army Sergeant Christian E. Bueno-Galdos, Army Specialist Jacob D. Barton, and Army Private First Class Michael E. Yates;

Whereas the lives of the victims were taken while they were bravely and honorably serving the United States on the front lines in Iraq;

Whereas the combat stress clinic at Camp Liberty, Iraq, and similar clinics in theater and at home provide essential mental health services to the Nation's servicemen and women;

Whereas the Nation's protracted military engagements in Iraq and Afghanistan call for increased attention to the mental health challenges faced by the courageous members of the Armed Forces; and

Whereas honoring the Nation's commitment to those who serve the Nation and their families means offering these heroic soldiers not only first class medical care for physical injuries, but also first class mental health services: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) expresses its heartfelt condolences to the
3 families and friends of the victims of the May 11,
4 2009, shooting at the combat stress clinic at Camp
5 Liberty, Iraq;

6 (2) conveys its ongoing deep gratitude to the
7 brave members of the Armed Forces who risk their
8 lives in service of protecting the Nation;

1 (3) recognizes the important work of the med-
2 ical professionals and staff members, who provide es-
3 sential mental health services to our servicemen and
4 women, at Combat Stress Control Center in Camp
5 Liberty, Iraq, and other clinics in theater and at
6 home; and

7 (4) commits to focus on the mental, in addition
8 to the physical, well being of the Nation's military
9 servicemen and women, and veterans, and to support
10 the policies, resources, and funding necessary to suc-
11 cessfully combat the mental and physical healthcare
12 challenges that they may confront.

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